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HAY HEWLE: "About a year ago the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY was buffeted fore and aft with charges of incompetence and worse, in connection with detection of Soviet missiles in Cuba. Credit for exposing the extent of the Soviet buildup went not to the CIA, but to the Defense Department, which had sent out planes on aerial surveillance of the island.

"The CIA survived that attack and continued on its anonymous and thankless business of detecting any and all developments having a bearing on the security of the United States. Today we have the new attack on the CIA -- namely that it is largely to blame for our difficulties in Viet Nam. Many will be encouraged to think that this charge too will pass away, especially since the former Director of the CIA, Mr. Allen Dulles now is being interviewed, and has written a book, and in a conservative manner is leaking out information which may help the public understand the purpose and nature of our intelligence agency.

"Mr. Dulles told a reporter for the New York Journal American, occasionally, he said, 'the CIA has to be made the goat. Still it may be better for the CIA to be tarred in the Vietnamese mess than the President of the United States or the Secretary of State,' unquote. Mr. Dulles labeled as nonsense any contention that the CIA is a new third force in government -- some underhanded, secret, mysterious force which is running, or seeks to run the country. He stated that no CIA operations of a political nature are undertaken without White House approval, and that there has never been a case where the CIA did not go along with White House approval, and that there has never been a case where the CIA did not go along with White House policy."

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